

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNFIT AIRCRAFT IN IAF

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of combat aircraft of the Indian Air Force which are not airworthy;
- (b) since when these aircrafts are not being used alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make these I.A.F. aircraft airworthy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Besides some IAF aircraft which are under overhaul presently, as per the normal overhaul cycle, there are some more IAF aircraft which are not airworthy temporarily, as spares are being awaited from the manufacturers.

Action is being taken to expedite the supply of spares.